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On April 7th, 1907, at his residence, No. 21, Old Bailey, Hongkong, JOAO MARIA ANTONIO DA SILVA, late of the Hongkong Civil Service. No relatives. Interment at the Chinese Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. J. M. A. da Silva, and family desire to return their heartfelt thanks to their friends for the many beautiful wreaths and kindly expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

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HONGKONG, APRIL 12TH, 1907.

So Sir MATTHEW NATHAN goes to the gubernatorial chair at Natal, and the speculators and rumour-mongers, who were almost on the point of making him Secretary of State for War, are effectually silenced. As we have not to say "good-bye" just yet, it may not be in bad taste to ventilate our little local grievances, and to express regret that it should have been thought necessary to make a mystery of the matter. Why his Hongkong friends and admirers should have had to wait for the information until our London correspondent could ascertain the facts and telegraph them, it is not easy to see. It has been amusing to note the wonderful variety of appointments given to Sir MATTHEW NATHAN by the gossips, and we fear some of them will be disappointed to find he remains a mere governor, and goes to an office worth one thousand pounds sterling less per annum. At Hongkong, according to the Year Book, the Governor's salary in 1906 was £8,000, and at Natal it was £5,000. So he pays a cool thousand a year for his enhanced prestige. While on the salary topic, it may be noted that the coming Governor, Sir FREDERICK D. LUGARD had £3,000 as Commissioner of Northern Nigeria Col. Sir HENRY E. McCALLUM, who is making way for Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, will receive

£6,400 at Cayton. Sir MATTHEW NATHAN will have just a thousand times more territory to rule over, and a population four times the size, with an import trade of nearly eleven millions sterling and exports about a quarter of that, and with a revenue of over four millions sterling instead of six hundred thousand. He goes from a partially elective Legislative Council (such as "Natal" began with) to a responsible parliament. The figures so far given are based on the Daily Mail Year Book's statistics, which are not confirmed by Whitaker, who, for instance, puts the area of Natal (including Zululand) at 29,200 square miles; the Daily Mail book says 35,371. The name Natal was given to the Colony by Vasco da GAMA, who discovered it on Christmas Day, 1497. The bulk of the white population is British, though Boers are numerous. As a Colony, Natal is two years younger than Hongkong. It has 776 miles of Government railway open, and there is a great deal under construction. There is a legislative council as well as a parliament, the former consisting of thirteen members nominated by the Governor. The Legislative Assembly has 43 members, elected by 18,944 electors with property qualification. The seat of the Governor will be at Pietermaritzburg, about 54 miles inland. This city has a corporation and a Mayor. Politics at the time of Sir MATTHEW NATHAN's advent will be found quiet, and trade dull.

Sir MATTHEW Nathan's successor at Hongkong, on whom interest will now be centred, is believed to be worthy in all ways, a strong man. Brigadier-General Sir FREDERICK DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., to give him his full title, is just 49 years of age. He was educated at Rossall and Sandhurst and obtained his first commission in May 1878 in the 9th Foot. He was promoted Captain in August 1885; Major in August 1895 and temp. Colonel in 1898, when he went to India. He saw active service in Afghanistan 1879-1880 for which he has a medal. He was in the Sudan Campaign of 1885, was mentioned in despatches and received a medal with two clasps and the bronze star. The Burmah Campaign (1886-1887) followed the Sudan Campaign, and it was in this campaign that Captain LUGARD (as he then was) won his D.S.O. He was thrice mentioned in despatches and received a medal with two clasps. In February, 1893, he went to Africa again, this time to command an expedition against slave traders on Lake Nyassa, and was very severely wounded. On his recovery he was employed by the British East African Co. to command the exploration of Sabaki, and he was administrator of Uganda from 1899 to 1902. Two years later he was appointed by the Royal Niger Company to command an expedition to Borgu to negotiate British treaties. On this expedition he was hit by an arrow and returned in April 1895. In February 1896 he led another expedition across Kalahara for the British Chartered Company. On his return he received the appointment of His Majesty's High Commissioner of the Hinterland of Nigeria and Lagos and Commandant of the West African Frontier Force, which he raised. On January 1st, 1900, on the creation of the Protectorate of Northern Nigeria, Colonel LUGARD was appointed High Commissioner with rank as Brigadier-General. Sir FREDERICK resigned this post in September last year. The explanation given in the papers was that Sir FREDERICK had exceeded the period of tenure of a Colonial Governorship in Northern Nigeria, which is limited to six years, and he did not wish to prolong his service there. The post had been no sinecure, for after the occupation of Kano and Sokoto in February and March 1903, steps were taken for the establishment of administrative control over the whole of the Protectorate which has an area of about 256,490 square miles and a population estimated at about 9,000,000. The centre of administration is Zaugeru, near the Kaduna River, a tributary of the Niger, and the Protectorate is divided for administrative purposes into 17 provinces.

From the foregoing sketch of his career it will be seen that the new Governor's life, as he himself has said, has been one "more full of action than of leisure," and this is vividly realised by a perusal of his extremely interesting work on "The Rise of our East African Empire"—his first and only literary effort, we believe. It is a work of over 1,200 pages, issued in two volumes, and is recognised by all students of African questions not only as a work of absorbing interest but of real historical value. Lady LUGARD also has claims to authorship. Her publications are given as "Castle Blair," 1878; "Hector: a story

for Young People," 1883; and "A Topical Dependency," 1905. As Miss FLORA SHAW (daughter of the late Major-General Shaw, C.B.), she was the head of the Colonial department of the Times, and has undertaken special commissions for the Times to South Africa, Australia, Canada and the Klondike, so that, like her husband, whom she married in 1902, Lady LUGARD has lived the strenuous life.

A remarkable tribute was paid to Sir FREDERICK and Lady LUGARD a couple of years ago by the Rt. Hon. Earl GREY, at a meeting of members of the Colonial Institute before whom Lady LUGARD had read an extremely able and interesting paper on Nigeria under the title of "West African Negroland." Earl GREY said:—"The other day Mr. EMERY, one of our most promising Liberal members of Parliament, described Sir FREDERICK LUGARD as the principal asset of Nigeria. Well, as long as he is not interfered with by politicians at home, I believe it is perfectly true he is the best asset Nigeria possesses; and the fact that he has the right to draw, as he undoubtedly does on the lofty idealism, the untiring industry and the sound common sense of Lady LUGARD does not diminish the value of that asset." In coming to Hongkong Sir FREDERICK LUGARD succeeds a Governor whom the whole community regards as the ideal man for the post. There exists among all sections of the community nothing but the frankest admiration for his conspicuous abilities as an administrator and his attractive qualities as a gentleman; and if Sir FREDERICK LUGARD, when his period of tenure expires, is able to leave the Colony with the same measure of goodwill that Sir MATTHEW NATHAN has won, the community and Sir FREDERICK and Lady LUGARD alike will have abundant reason to feel satisfied. They can at any rate be assured of a most cordial welcome.

Captains Spiering and Jansen, the heroes of the Berlin rescue, attended a special matinee in aid of the widows and orphans of the crew, at the Palace Theatre. They got a tremendous reception and were presented with gold medals. The matinee realised £500.

The Nichi Nichi says that the Yokohama Municipality is reported to have decided to refund house tax to the Chinese payers besides other foreigners. Thus the question is entirely settled, excepting the payment to those who are absent from Japan. The total amount to be repaid is ¥1,000,000.

At a meeting of the London General Omnibus Company the Chairman said that though in the last six months the buses had carried 600,000 more persons than in the second half of 1905 the traffic receipts were £13,500 less and expenses £22,002. It was confessed that the business is not a financial success.

Messrs. Shawan Tomes & Co., agents for the Yangtze Insurance Association Ltd., have a telegram from the Head Office to the effect that the Directors will recommend at the General Meeting a Dividend at the rate of 20 per cent. for the past year and the placing of £50,000 to the reserve fund.

Mr. Lionel Brough, whose condition is causing much anxiety, made his first appearance on the stage more than fifty years ago, and since then he has played in every theatre in London as well as in the provinces, and in America, and with nearly every player of note in the last two generations. What is the secret of acting, in his judgment? He once answered the question. It is to be able to stand still. "Read Shakespeare and stand still." That is the advice of that veteran player to all young actors.

Goldwin Smith, in the opinion of the British Weekly, is out of sight the most wonderful journalist of his day. He was born in 1823, and is now eighty-four years of age. It is nearly fifty years since he took part in founding the Saturday Review, to which he was the most brilliant contributor. After all these years his pen is still busy, and his style is as trenchant, brilliant, and easy as it ever was. He does not seem to care where he writes or whether he gets an audience or not. For years he was satisfied to publish his thoughts in a magazine, first monthly, and then quarterly, the whole of which he wrote himself. Now he contributes weekly to a paper called the Weekly Sun, published at Toronto.

The Madras Railway, a 5 per cent. guaranteed line, falls in for purchase by the Government of India this year. The period during which notice of purchase may be given is the six months between 1st April and 30th September, and the Secretary of State has the whole matter now under consideration. The price will be the mean market-value of the shares during the three years preceding the 1st April 1907, and this works out to between twelve and thirteen millions sterling. The purchase money may, at the option of Government, be paid either in cash or by an annuity payable during the remainder of the term of contract, namely 49 years. The Madras Railway is the last of the old railways guaranteed on a sterling basis. The Southern Railway, a State line worked by a company, comes to the end of its current contract on the 30th June next. It rests with the Secretary of State to determine whether the contract shall be renewed or not.

Rugby has invaded Eton, and Eton has, at last, consented to play "Rugby Union" football on occasion. The premier school has surrendered. For years Eton has stuck to its "wallgame"—and when the old Etonian came outside the wall he found no one to play with. He had to begin all over again. You will remember the great game in which Tom Brown covered himself with mud and bruises and glory at Rugby. It was the basis of "Rugger" football. And every public-school footballer will rejoice that "the best of schools" is going to "play the game."

Sir Alexander Swettenham must feel like quoting Carlyle soon. A message from Kingston (Jamaica), March 7th, said:—"Yesterday evening, the Governor delivered in the Legislative Council a speech which has provoked a great deal of comment. The elected members recommended centralising the Government offices in new buildings, instead of patching up the old, damaged, and widely-scattered offices. The recommendation was approved generally by Lord Elgin in a recent dispatch, but the Governor, in the speech referred to, reviewed the project, and remarked that an ideal scheme of consolidation would involve placing the penitentiary, lunatic asylum, hospital, and railway terminus under the same roof as the supreme court and administrative departments. The observation is regarded as looking the seriousness which the present unhappy condition of the colony demands. There is a seriousness that is sound, and a seriousness that is merely stupidity."

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings, yesterday morning. Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. J. Raymond, H. P. White, A. Haupt (directors), A. Shelton Hooper (secretary), H. Percy Smith, W. A. Cruickshank, F. Ellis, F. M. Grace, J. Orange, H. Tang, H. Kom-tong, Lo Chung-shui and Ho Fook.

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting and the resolutions it was desired to confirm. Mr. SMITH proposed the adoption of the first resolution as read by the Secretary. Mr. ELLIS seconded and shareholders agreed. It was proposed by Mr. Ho Fook seconded by Mr. Ho Kom-tong and agreed that the resolution making changes in the Company's articles of association as read, should come into force and take effect from and including May 1st.

The CHAIRMAN—I am very much obliged, gentlemen, for your attendance.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LD.

Yesterday morning an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Limited, was held at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings. Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, was in the chair, others present being Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. J. Raymond (directors), M. S. Northcote (secretary), C. H. Rosa, F. M. Grace, J. Orange, H. Percy Smith, A. Shelton Hooper, C. P. Chater, A. Haupt, Ho Kom-tong, H. Tang, Ho Fook and Lo Chung-shui.

The SECRETARY read the notice convening the meeting and the resolution to be confirmed. The resolution to alter the Articles of Association of the Company, as read, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. SMITH, seconded by Mr. ORANGE.

Mr. LO CHUNG-SHUI moved that the resolution making changes in the Company's articles should come into force and take effect from and including May 1st.

Mr. HO FOOK seconded and the motion was carried. The CHAIRMAN—I am much obliged to you, gentlemen, for your attendance.

TO-MORROW'S CONCERT.

The full programme of the Concert to be given at St. Andrew's Hall to-morrow night in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Library Fund is as follows:—

Part Song:—"The Song of the Poppies,"..... Elizabeth Stirling
The ALEXANDRA QUARTETTE
Songs (a) "Life's Garden,"..... Ellen Goodell
(b) "Four-leaf Clover,"..... Charles Wilby
Song:—"The Serenade,"..... Brama
Mrs. BRUCE
(Violin obligato by Mr. Jock)
Songs (a) "Earl Bristol's Farewell,"..... C. A. Lidger
(b) "See where my love,"..... C. A. Lidger
Rev. M. J. J. J. J.
Recitation to Music "After the Ball," (Now
Recited by) Stanley Hawley
At the Piano, Miss CLAUKE
Song:—"Crimena,"..... J. Wilson
(by request)
Mrs. NEWBORN
Pianoforte Solo:—"Prelude,"..... S. Bachmannoff
Mrs. M. LOUGHEON
Song:—"Jewel Song," (Faust)..... Gnodnod
Mrs. BRUCE
Violin Solo: (a) Serenade
(b) Berceuse "Slave" Neruda Herbert
Mr. J. P. F. Jock
Song:—"The Red Seal,"..... Theo. Bonhour
Mrs. H. J. J. J.
Songs (a) "Two Eyes of Gray,"..... Daisy Goodrich
(b) "Say not Goodbye,"..... R. C. Clarke
Mr. G. P. J. J.
Part Song:—"Take Care," Mrs. M. Bartholomew
The ALEXANDRA QUARTETTE

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. Co's str. *Salazie*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon on Friday, the 12th inst. for Hongkong, and will be expected here on or about the 20th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

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SIR MATTHEW NATHAN'S APPOINTMENT. HIS SUCCESSOR.

LONDON, April 10th.

It is officially announced that Colonel Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., formerly High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria, has been appointed to succeed Sir M. Nathan as Governor of Hongkong.

Sir Matthew has been appointed Governor of Natal.

Sir Henry McCallum, the present Governor of Natal, succeeds Sir Henry Blake in the Governorship of Ceylon.

[This telegram was published in our 9.45 a.m. extra yesterday.]

FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, April 11th.

There is a famine in Russia. Twenty millions of people are destitute.

TARIFF REFORM.

LONDON, April 11th.

The London Chamber of Commerce has declared by 1,097 votes against 472 in favour of Tariff Reform.

THE THAW TRIAL.

LONDON, April 11th.

The jury in the Thaw trial reported at midnight that nine were for acquittal and three for manslaughter. A decision is expected to-morrow forenoon.

GREAT BRITAIN AND SPAIN.

LONDON, April 9th.

King Alfonso at a banquet on board the Spanish battleship "Numancia" in toasting the King and Queen of England, referred affectionately to his visits to Great Britain, and said that Anglo-Spanish friendship was based on a solidarity of interests besides the ties of kinship of two houses. His Majesty was bound to promote King Edward's generous task of strengthening international harmony and he saluted the British fleet as a mighty instrument to carry out His Majesty's intentions, and for the furtherance of the principles of progress. King Edward replied by reciprocating the desire that the ties between Spain and Great Britain may be drawn closer, and while regretting the absence of the Queen of Spain, rejoiced at the reason for her detention at the capital.

THE THAW CASE.

LONDON, April 9th.

The Thaw case has closed, and the addresses to the jury begun.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

LONDON, April 9th.

It is officially stated in Washington that a treaty has been drafted appointing a joint commission to consider all complex questions between Canada and America concerning water boundaries and the fisheries. Later intelligence states that Mr. Bryce, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Root have been discussing Canadian-American affairs—but the report of a treaty is premature.

H. M. S. "TRAFALGAR."

LONDON, April 9th.

The stranding of the *Trafalgar* was due to a signal from the bridge being misunderstood.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 11th at 11.40 a.m.—The depression is moving into the Pacific to the E. of Japan. The barometer has risen in W. Japan, and the fall over China continues.

A new depression seems to be approaching N. China from the Westward. Pressure is highest over the Eastern Sea. Gradients continue slight in the South, and light to moderate E. and S.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is as follows:—
Hongkong & Neighbourhood { E. to S.E. winds, light or moderate; fair.
Formosa Channel { Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Lamook { Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between { Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Hainan { Same as No. 1.

ARTILLERY SPORTS.

Yesterday afternoon the Royal Garrison Artillery Sports were opened at Happy Valley, and there can be no doubt that the gunners and their officers carried the day through with a success that has not been achieved in previous years. Entries were numerous, the events were well contested, and what is more, by the energy of Captain Butler and other members of committee, were kept well up to time. There was a much larger attendance than is usual on the opening day, the grandstand, which was adorned with flags, being well filled with ladies while the ropes around the sporting arena were thickly lined. The results of the various events argue much training and perseverance, and the winners of those items which concluded yesterday undoubtedly deserved their wins. Many "put" of the weight were excellent, the running times were good, while from the results of the tag-of-war events, this seems to be a sport in which the gunner is second to none. Yesterday's results and heats were as under:—

Long Jump: Gunner Carter, 18 feet 1 inch; 1; Sergeant Bayliss, 18 feet 2; Gunner Leader, 17 feet 10 inches, 3.

Throwing cricket Ball: Gr. Knight, 79 yards; 1; Gr. Thomas, 76 yards; 2; Br. Kerriek, 74 yards, 3.

Hurdle Race, 3 feet hurdles, 120 yards, 1, flights: first heat; Sergeant Bayliss, Gr. Gast and Gr. Leader. Second heat; Grs. Cauter, Williams and Collias. Third heat: Grs. Thomas, W. Brown and Scott.

Half-mile (open to members of R.G.A.): Grs. Baker 83 Co., 1; Andrews, 87th Co., 2; Harvey, 87th Co., 3.

Tag-of-war. Ten men a side, limited to 110 stone. Open to teams drawn completely from a Co. R.G.A., European Co. or any ship. The 87th Co. beat the Royal Engineers and the 83rd Co. the Middlesex team. Then the 83rd beat the 87th, and are thus in the final to-day with the 87th Co. which team draw a bye in the second round.

One mile flat race: Lee Corp. 4th, 1; Pt. Clegg, 2; Pte. Dallow, 3.

Sack Race: Sgt. Trampeter Walker, 1; Gr. W. Brown, 2; Gr. Cauter, 3.

Putting the weight: Br. Kerriek, 88th Co., 1; Gr. Pluck, 83rd Co., 2; Gr. McIlwain, 88th Co., 3. The winners "put" was 30 ft. 2 inches. In this event for the Sergeants' Shield the results were:—88th Co. Sergeants Mess: Sgt. Grundy, 26 ft. 3 inches, 1; Sgt. James, 24 ft. 10 inches, 2; Sgt. Major Owen, 24 ft. 6 inches, 3—Total 75 ft. 7 inches.

Staff Team: Sgts. Morgan, 28 ft. 1; Adams, 25 ft. 6 inches, 2; Torr, 24 ft. 3 inches, 3—Total 77 ft. 9 inches.

87th Co. Sgts. Fielder, 27 ft. 7 in. Taylor, 24 ft. 11 inches, 1; Cox, 24 ft. 12 inches, 2; Fielder, 27 ft. 7 in. 3 inches, 3.

Quarter-mile flat race: Gr. Baker, 83rd Co., 1; Gr. Thomas, 88th Co., 2; Sergeant Bayliss, 3—Time—55 2/5 seconds.

Inter Company Tag-of-war: This event was between the 87th and 83rd Companies, and after a pull of 3 min. 6 secs. the latter won.

Veterans Race: Br. Jones, 87th Co., 1; Gr. Brown, 83rd Co., 2; Gr. Sheppard, 87th Co., 3.

Native team race: Teams entered in this from the first, third and fifth Companies of the H.K. S.R.G.A. The race was won by the third Co., No. 6 being second. The time taken by the Indians to cover the mile was 4 min. 9 secs.

Hundred yards flat race. First heat: Grs. Baker, 1; Harvey, 2; W. Brown, 3. Second heat: Grs. Cauter, 1; Gast, 2; Thomas, 3.

Sack Fight: The 87th Co. defeated the junior non-coms. in the first bout, while the 88th Co. succumbed to the 83rd in the second.

The sports will conclude to-day.

SHANGHAI SERVANTS.

A FOREIGN WOMAN STABBED.

What might have ended in another terrible murder occurred right in the heart of the Hongkong District between the hours of 3 and 4 a.m. on April 4th. About the time mentioned, Mrs. Percebois, who resides at No. 4 West End Lane, was aroused by hearing footsteps in her room, she immediately called out to see who it was, and she received a reply from the intruder, who asked her, "If Misses vanchoe (two) the struck a light and then saw that a native armed with a large carving knife was standing in the middle of the room. She saw by the dim light that the man was an English servant, who had been taken to the Miao Court in 1915 for larceny. Mrs. Percebois screamed for help and the ruffian jumped for her and slashed her about the neck, breast and arms, inflicting some painful but not fatal wounds. The mercantile hearing coming in response to the screams for help, bolted out of a window and made good his escape. Help was at once rendered to the unfortunate lady and the police were hurriedly called in. The wounds which were deep and painful were attended to by Dr. Jackson who being summoned sewed them up. The wounded lady suffered a severe shock from the dastardly attack, but is now resting easily and is out of immediate danger. The miscreant has not yet been captured, but as he is well known to the police, it is only a question of short time before he is arrested and he will get his deserts.

The man gained an entrance through a rear window and made his way to the dining room where he procured the carving knife with which he committed the crime, and then made his way upstairs. The motive of the attack was clearly one of revenge.

Looking at love with the eyes of age and experience, what is it, after all? A mere flash in the pan. This divine rage, this instigator of chest thumps and drownings and charcoal fires doesn't affect one person out of a hundred. Of those persons who have neither part nor lot in property, Jacks and Jills condemn to monotonous labour for as many as fifty pairs of their lives. I see sometimes as many as fifty pairs in a night, evidently not overwhelmed by their passion. They kiss and hug and meet and part like the components of some huge dance. Rarely one of them kills him or herself in a futile endeavour to spoil the game; and such distributors are quickly forgotten. Erring Helens find their end in domestic peace; gay Lotarians are trapt at last by an artful girl; they retire from the dance, and a new generation arises who will cut the same figures in nearly the same way.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held in the CITY HALL on FRIDAY, the 20th April, at 12.30 P.M.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATES Nos. 7735-7738 dated 1st September, 1902, of the Shares Nos. 276,880, 14,991, 14,992, 1903/1904, 6743/1905 and 1811/1906 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. ARNOLD DITTMAR of Manila, have been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof, the above Documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

Dated 12th April, 1907.
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

TO LET.

OFFICES at No. 14, DES VOEUX ROAD Central (Formerly occupied by Messrs. SHAW, TOMES & Co.).

HO TUNG.

Comptroller Department,
Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Hongkong, 12th April, 1907.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by Public Auction,

On MONDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1907, at 3 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, 18, 18A, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 21, 21A, 22, 22A, 23, 23A, 24, 24A, 25, 25A, 26, 26A, 27, 27A, 28, 28A, 29, 29A, 30, 30A, 31, 31A, 32, 32A, 33, 33A, 34, 34A, 35, 35A, 36, 36A, 37, 37A, 38, 38A, 39, 39A, 40, 40A, 41, 41A, 42, 42A, 43, 43A, 44, 44A, 45, 45A, 46, 46A, 47, 47A, 48, 48A, 49, 49A, 50, 50A, 51, 51A, 52, 52A, 53, 53A, 54, 54A, 55, 55A, 56, 56A, 57, 57A, 58, 58A, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 61A, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 64A, 65, 65A, 66, 66A, 67, 67A, 68, 68A, 69, 69A, 70, 70A, 71, 71A, 72, 72A, 73, 73A, 74, 74A, 75, 75A, 76, 76A, 77, 77A, 78, 78A, 79, 79A, 80, 80A, 81, 81A, 82, 82A, 83, 83A, 84, 84A, 85, 85A, 86, 86A, 87, 87A, 88, 88A, 89, 89A, 90, 90A, 91, 91A, 92, 92A, 93, 93A, 94, 94A, 95, 95A, 96, 96A, 97, 97A, 98, 98A, 99, 99A, 100, 100A, 101, 101A, 102, 102A, 103, 103A, 104, 104A, 105, 105A, 106, 106A, 107, 107A, 108, 108A, 109, 109A, 110, 110A, 111, 111A, 112, 112A, 113, 113A, 114, 114A, 115, 115A, 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2ND FLOOR No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, GARDEN ROAD, Kowloon, Electric Light, Tennis Court, FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon, from March 1st.

Apply to—
LEIGH & ORANGE,
1, Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1907. [94]

IMMEDIATELY the Capacious Premises on the Ground-floor of No. 2, PEDDER STREET, at present occupied by Messrs. Harris Keeney Co. Ltd.

Apply to—
GILMAN & CO.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1907. [260]

TO LET.

NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.
Apply to—
COMPASSER'S DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1906. [37]

TO LET.

NO. 8 GRANVILLE AVENUE, Kowloon.
No. 1, EAST AVENUE, Kowloon.

Apply to—
HUMPHREY'S ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1907. [676]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"LEWNOE," No. 116, PEAK, the Property of Mr. M. W. SLADE, from this date to 1st September.

Apply to—
GILMAN & CO.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1907. [300]

TO LET.

POSSESSION FROM 1ST APRIL NEXT.
2 Semi-attached HOUSES, Nos. 13B and 13C, MACDONNELL ROAD, each with 7 Rooms, Bath, Kitchen, Servants' Quarters and Grass Tennis Court.

Apply to—
CHUNG CHINAM,
Yan On Marine & Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1907. [482]

TO LET.

OFFICES in King's Building and YORK BUILDING, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, GOUDOWN IN PRAYA EAST.
A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1907. [91]

TO LET.

NO. 6, LYEMOON VILLAS, Kowloon. Possession from 1st March next. Five Rooms and Tennis Court. Rent \$125 per month including taxes.

Apply to—
"LYEMOON,"
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1907. [211]

TO LET.

NO. 23, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD. Immediate Possession.
Apply to—
THE COMPADORE,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1907. [333]

TO LET.

NO. 1 and 5, ORMSBY TERRACE, Kowloon. Five Rooms; Electric Light; Tennis Court etc.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1907. [700]

TO LET.

NO. 1 and 5, ORMSBY TERRACE, Kowloon. Moderate Rentals.
Apply to—
SPANISH PROCURATION.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1907. [604]

TO LET.

NO. 2, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, and No. 51, POTTINGER STREET. Immediate Possession.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1907. [401]

TO LET.

NO. 25, WYNDHAM STREET.
Apply to—
E. A. & C. F. DE CARVALHO,
14, Arbuthnot Road.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1907. [471]

TO LET.

NO. 1, WEST END TERRACE, Shamshien, Canton.
Apply to—
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1907. [91]

TO LET.

"SUMMER HOUSE," Mount Kellott, the PEAK, Partially Furnished. Possession from 1st April, 1907. Low Rent.

Apply to—
PERCY SMITH & SETH,
5, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1907. [539]

TO LET ON LEASE.

NOS. 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, SUN WAI LANE.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1906. [101]

TO LET.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
WELLBURN, No. 81, THE PEAK.
Apply to—
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
York Buildings.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1907. [254]

TO LET.

FROM 1st MARCH, 1907.
NO. 3, CARNATION VILLAS, and No. 6, LOCHIEL TERRACE, Kowloon.
Apply to—
HEWAN & CO.,
No. 15, Connaught Road, West.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1907. [324]

TO LET.

"GLENWOOD," CAINE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Containing 25 Rooms. This property would be divided into two or more houses to suit tenants.
"BANGQUE" PEAK
"CLOVELLY," Peak Road (Partially Furnished).
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NO. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Top Floor, (former Caldwell MacGregor).
BELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.
Apply to—
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1907. [102]

TO LET.

NO. 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for Offices and Godown.
Apply on the Premises.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1907. [610]

TO LET.

"DUNHEVED," 35, Robinson Road, or FOR SALE.
Nos. 27 and 31, SEYMOUR ROAD.
4 New Houses in KENNEDY ROAD, near Wan Chai.
No. 90 and 91 GODOWN PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
SAM WANG CO. LTD.,
31, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1906. [103]

TO LET.

2 FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES at Praya East, near East Point.
Apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1907. [137]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1907. [92]

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR of No. 6, ICE HOUSE STREET, Centrally situated and within easy reach of the principal Banks and business houses. Apply on the premises to—
TATA & CO.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1906. [105]

TO LET.

IN ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS 5 small Office on Second Floor.
Apply to—
SECRETARY,
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1907. [150]

TO LET.

ONE ROOM in Prince's Buildings from 1st February. Rent \$50 per month.
Apply to—
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Prince's Buildings.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1907. [299]

TO LET.

9-ROOM HOUSE, 13, McDONNELL ROAD, Commanding Good View of Harbour, with fine Tennis Lawn.
Apply to—
DE RO KAI,
25A, Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1907. [716]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. Five Rooms; Electric Light; Tennis Court etc.
Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1907. [700]

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ARE THE JAPANESE A LAW ABIDING PEOPLE?

The alarming recurrence of rioting in the Japanese capital during last autumn caused many to ask whether, after all, the old notion that the natives of Nippon are the most law-abiding people in the world had sufficient ground for credibility. There are many exaggerated and fanciful statements and superficial generalisations about Japan. It is interesting to ask whether this is one of them, says a writer in the *Pall Mall Gazette*.

It is doubtless the experience of nearly all sojourners in this country that a Japanese crowd is the most good-natured and the least turbulent assemblage of mortals to be found anywhere in the world, and it is noticeable that due respect is freely accorded police officers and others in authority; but traditional deference to superiors and guardians of the peace is not difficult to yield when there is nothing to fight for. It is not the test of a people's law-abiding character when great wrongs are flouted and the temptation to extremes is well nigh irresistible. How does the Japanese citizen deport himself under conditions such as these?

One cannot but confess that, with the spread of Western notions of liberty and individualism, there appears to be less regard than formerly for the powers that be. The savage and destructive rioting that followed the conclusion of peace with Russia more than a year ago, and the like unseemly behaviour in Tokyo, recently, go far to shake the old conception that the Japanese are in the ultimate analysis, more law-abiding than other nationalities.

The recent riots were ostensibly a demonstration against the electric tram companies to protest against the fare being raised from four to five sen, and the crowd wished to influence the city officials against permitting this increase of fare. But the real cause was of a more esoteric nature. The riots that ensued were not on quite so large a scale as those over the unsatisfactory terms of peace. Then hundreds of them fatally, and a great many were wounded, was done to property. It was said in mitigation of the outrage, at the time, that the mob, in meeting to display its grievances, did not for a moment contemplate either the violence or the disastrous results which followed. But no mob ever does that. They must to parade their troubles, and when the demonstration leads to violence and outrage against persons and property it is a sign of intention of resorting to this method of emphasising views, and that it was merely an incident, and not an essential, of the demonstration. There is always danger that an infuriated crowd may be carried away by the heat of the moment, and a Japanese mob seems not less immune to this danger than any other.

Indeed, in the recent riots there appears to have been no extenuating circumstances at all. The tram companies raised the fare. The mob, spurred on by irresponsible mountebanks, gathered about the cars and car-bars, and proceeded to stone the passengers, motor-men, conductors, and other employees of the company, as well as to smash the cars in a mad endeavour to interrupt and disorganise traffic generally. So tremendous was the unappeasable fury of the mob that the militia had to be called out to reinforce the police, and it was not until after some days of unceasing and dangerous rioting, and a great deal of regular traffic could be maintained by the electric cars.

It is unnecessary to say that these tramcar outrages were neither aided nor abetted by respectable Japanese citizens. But there is a large class in Tokyo, represented by jirikeshmen and other coolies, whose employment was seriously lessened by the introduction of the tram system, and who are therefore apt to be ready to grasp every opportunity of venting their indignation. In Japan, for under the old regime there was always on hand a set of men called "soshi," who were the tools of politically or socially disgruntled persons, to revenge fancied or real wrongs. It is said that during the recent riots in Tokyo there were some unprincipled politicians who actually paid the leaders of these roughs to stone the cars and obstruct the tracks, just to open up a score with the city corporation.

A riotous mob is pretty much the same kind of phenomenon, no matter what garb of nationality it wears; yet one is bound to say that a Japanese mob appears to display certain individual characteristics that are all its own. Circumstances or incidents which would cause the most lively and sulphurous language to flow from the lips of the average Oriental, do not simply dismiss the unpleasantness with the time-worn phrase that "Shi koto ga nai" (it can't be helped). But about every Japanese crowd, as well as individual, there is a vague and tender spot, which, if once touched, causes the elemental passions of savagery to blaze out with an extraordinary fierceness that stops at nothing, and that nothing can stop. This is that the man whom the most trying life of common life never causes to fret or fume in useless expostulation of nervous energy becomes an invincible soldier when his blood is stirred by an enemy on the field of battle, where he evinces a fighting quality unapproached by the warriors of any other nation.

Since the tendency to take advantage of modern ideas of free speech, and their inevitable concomitant of free action, has become conspicuous, there are in Japan unmistakable indications of a growing disregard for authority. In the old days even the suggestion of such a thing was met with instant death; the samurai could strike off the head of his impugner at a blow, and there was no one to question his right to do so. With the removal of fear as a restraining factor there was nothing but tradition left to keep intact the social organism, so that it will naturally take Japanese society some time to adjust itself to the new conditions. As yet tradition is much more revered, and respect itself is somewhat in dread of the masses; officers at times appear to bow to the threats of the mob.

In Kobe some time ago two coolies whom a foreigner had dismissed from his service as unsatisfactory, came to his door one morning shortly afterwards and demanded promptly reinstatement with higher wages. The man naturally showed them about the house, and they forced their way into the house, and a wood-sawer at his wife—which would have resulted fatally had the aim been a trifle more sure—and the whole family were in danger of their lives until the arrival of the police, who placed the offenders under arrest. But a mob of coolies demanded the release of their comrades, and the foreigner was advised not to prosecute the men who had threatened his life. And he was. So afraid of the consequences should he follow up the course of the law that he agreed to the advice. In any other country the coolies would have been punished independently of the victims they had tried to injure, for it is almost a universal procedure on the part of the representatives of the law never to condone a deliberate attempt on a life. Murder is a frequent occurrence in Japan, and strange to relate, it is nearly always the villain who gets killed. Western civilisation brings to Japan its view as well as its virtues, and the social problems of the country will be growing increasingly serious as time goes on, they exist now, were the moral consciousness of the nation sufficiently developed to recognise them, but when the nation has to face them, not least among them will be how to duly restrain the impulsive ignorance that now moulders in the masses of the population, awaiting the wind to fan it to the conflagration of its medieval days.

Here we have a nation of some fifty millions of people; not more than two millions of them have been touched by the new learning; the vast mass of the population is yet 500 years behind the modern world in mental and spiritual development. The changes are particularly in the cities, and often at so rapid a rate as to cause a strain in the social body of which the people are members; hence a reaction in a more or less marked degree is sure to come. Forced plants cannot be depended upon for the same results as those naturally grown. "That was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual." But whether natural, as it doubtless often is, or forced, as it more frequently is, the development is going forward. What we are apt to forget is that Japan is not yet a modern, nor will she be for a considerable time. This is neither remarkable nor discouraging; it required 500 years to Christianise England. The Japanese Government is Occidental; it is the head and brain of the nation; but the heart of Japan is the mass of yet unenlightened millions who are still, and will continue to be, jealously Oriental. The cry of each expiring generation for years to come will be Goethe's cry: "Light! More light!"

FRANCE AND SIAM.

IMPORTANT NEW TREATY SIGNED AT BANGKOK.

The *Bangkok Times* has received the following communiqué from Mr. Edouard H. Sireuil, the General Adviser to His Majesty the King of Siam:
A treaty between Siam and France was signed on Saturday at Bangkok, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Siam and the French Minister.
The object of the treaty is, first, to provide for an exchange of territories and, second, to make important modifications in the system of exteriority of French Asiatic subjects in the Kingdom of Siam, in return for their having equal rights with Siam subjects in holding of property.
The Siam Government cedes to France the provinces of Battambang, Siemreap and Siamloap, and the French Government cedes to Siam Danzai and the provinces of Kral, and the adjacent islands.
All French Asiatic subjects and protégés who register in the Consulate of France after the date of the treaty will be subject to the jurisdiction of the ordinary Siam courts. All such subjects and protégés at present registered will be subject to the system of the International Courts now in force in the north. Such International Courts will be established wherever necessary. When the Siam Codes are published this distinction will disappear, and all the Asiatic subjects and protégés of France will be subject to the jurisdiction of French Asiatic courts. The position of French Asiatic subjects and protégés in Siam will be the same as that of Siam subjects, as regards the ownership of property and the payment of ordinary taxes.

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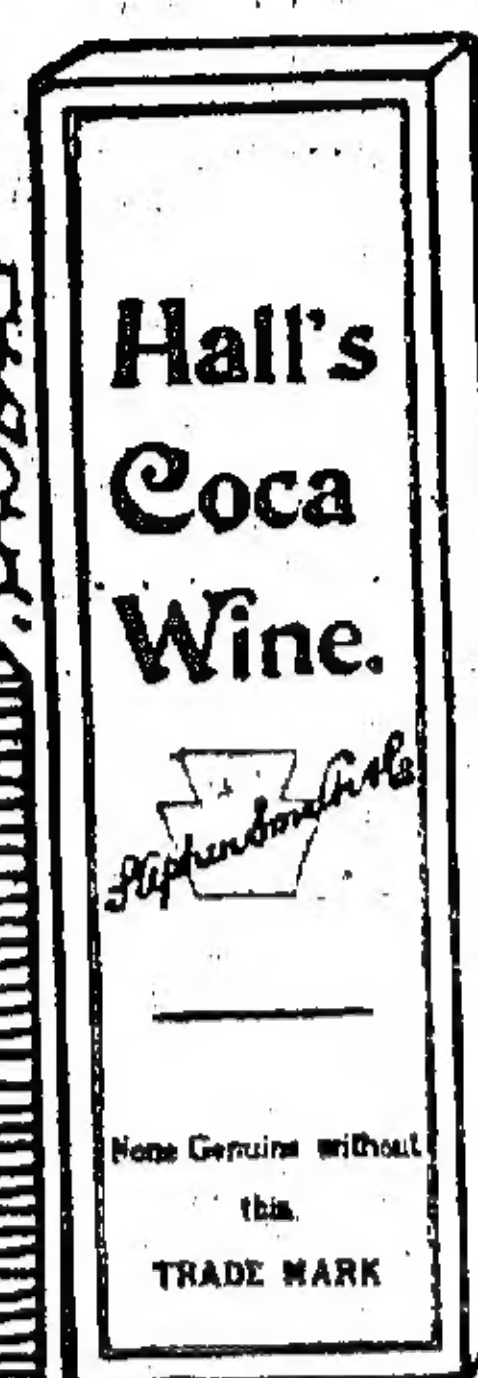
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JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Notwithstanding the opinions so freely expressed on the Continent that war is imminent between the United States and Japan, it is happily still safe to say that neither party is in any hurry to throw down the gauntlet, and that in certain quarters where it would appear that the wish is undoubtedly father to the thought profound disappointment is positively sure to accrue.

Precisely why the stormy petrels of Asiatic politics should busy themselves with a matter that is so obviously unripe for discussion will be a profound mystery to us as ever, the only gleam of light that now and then is shed upon the prevailing obscurity being due to the unskillfulness of the magazine writers and others who clumsily betray their secret whenever they exhibit their animosity towards the peoples whom they would like to "set by the ears." As one of the commentators on the "coming war" has just said: "Whoever has two opponents to fear will endeavour to incite one against the other, and when both return with bleeding heads the third can breathe freely." If the United States and Japan will only be so obliging as to maul one another savagely enough to ensure that one or both shall be *hors de combat* for a spell there may be opportunities, perhaps, for some of the onlookers to rearrange territorial affairs to their own satisfaction.

As far as Japan is concerned there is not the slightest likelihood, however, that she will be eager to provide her share of an expensive entertainment over which interested nations might tamper. At one moment we are told that the Japanese people are starving, at another that we are in overwhelming need of expansion; that we are ready to engage in any desperate enterprise, and even that we are "fighting England's battles." When England wants her ally's assistance most assuredly Japan will be prepared to strike as lustily as Olympus's Army are together capable of such dark clouds as might present a storm of sufficient severity to call forth united action of the kind indicated.

In regard to the Californian matter, moreover, the resources of diplomacy are as yet by no means exhausted. Before the trouble at San Francisco began it had been in contemplation, it is understood, to send a Japanese squadron across the Pacific to pay a brief visit to the Golden Gate on the way to Jamestown, to take part in the great international naval assembly. By reason of the warmth of feeling engendered by the scholastic disagreement it has been decided at Tokyo to cut out the visit to San Francisco from the programme, for prudential reasons, but the squadron is going to Jamestown all the same, under Admiral Ito, and this fact is certainly not indicative of any immediate change in the amicable relationship of Japan and the United States. The route to be followed by Admiral Ito's cruisers will most likely be that of the mailboats to and from Japan as far as Gibraltar, and thence across the Atlantic to Jamestown.

One of the oldest fancies to which the war talk has given rise is that Japan wants the Philippines, and actually casts covetous eyes on America's possessions in Eastern waters. There were Japanese living in those islands centuries ago, and some sort of trade was done in junk and sugar long before Europe or America were known to us. But the number of settlers in Luzon was never large, for the attractions to Japanese were not great enough to tempt many thither, and were Japan in such urgent need of room for expansion, as she is said by some of her critics to be, her sons would be disposed to make for regions outside the tropics rather than within. But while Korea and Manchuria are open to us it cannot be truthfully urged that we are in any difficulty as to the direction which our emigrants should take. Territorial aggrandisement is never likely to become a passion with Japan, the overmastering desire being with us to turn what we have to the best account. And because we are conscious of our own rights, we are ready to respect the rights of others.—*Times*.

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